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Applicant : Jeffery S. Beck, et al.
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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

The Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment issued on January 20, 2004 indicates that, "The Abstract is not marked up to show any changes." The undersigned spoke with Legal Instruments Examiner Tammy Acree (703-305-8239), the person who issued the above-referenced Notice, on January 23, 2004 and February 9, 2004. It was agreed that the USPTO's own training slides from Fall 2003 indicate that an Abstract should be presented in "clean text (no markings)" when an Abstract is "substantially written". A copy of the pertinent training slide is attached hereto. Examiner Acree also indicated that Applicants' January 6, 2004 Amendment would be forwarded to Examiner Lamb.

Respectfully submitted,
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